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to me with a series of amendments, most of which you've seen Senator Marvel has, Wednesday or Thursday. Again I told him that wasn't the solution to the problem, just to simply put out all the money because it contained some of the fears that you have. I've currently met with four or five people and I've discussed this very briefly with Senator Marvel, and I plan to discuss it with a number of people. I hope, by Monday, I can bring it before the Education Committee, Senator Kremer. A number of us have been working on a draft for 403 which will solve some of the problems that we have at hand now in terms of how to allocate funds, how to make the situation a little more workable, a further delineation of definition of terms. I would hope that with the cooperation of the Education Committee that perhaps within another ten days we can have 403 authorization language before this body to solve the very problems that Senator Marvel is talking about. Included in that bill will be a provision that in case there is overpayment anywhere in 403, that the state will take the recourse to see that that money is returned to the coffers or retained through the avenue of state aid to education, apportionment funds, and others. That will definitely be a part of any bill that we bring out, to make sure there is no overpayment. The reason we're talking in terms of 555 today is that to provide some cash flow where there has been tremendous out lay of local funds in a number of districts that I know of if we don't provide that kind of relief, if we don't live up to our commitment, we're going to be talking about 2, 3 or 4 mills. So let me just summarize very briefly by telling you that there is a 403 bill on the way. That 403 authorization language will do some of the things that you are concerned about. That 403 bill that's coming up will certainly be involved in trying to see that the state does not give money to anybody that doesn't deserve it, and we'll make for that provision. With that, Mr. Chairman, I appreciate the opportunity to speak to the issue. Now, if you're ready, I'm ready to read 555.

PRESIDENT: Senator Warner, for what purpose do you arise?

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. Chairman, I move the bill be returned to Select File for specific amendment. Strike the enacting clause. I use the motion to speak on it. I don't go through the other Mickey Mouse. I will withdraw it the moment that I have said what I want to say.

PRESIDENT: Ordinarily I would rule that out of order as a devise. In view of the floor overruling me on the past matter, I think it only proper that there be some discussion since this is so important and Senator Lewis has spoken.

SENATOR WARNER: Thank you Mr. President. I do make the motion. The only reason I make the motion is because I was involved in concurring with Elaine the bill a couple of days, and I had told a number of people I would help to expedite it. There was concern. I know that Senator Lewis is aware of this and is addressing himself to it in his committee. There was a lot of concern that the precedent would be established that this was going to be paid out on a per pupil basis. That had a very adverse